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TITLE:

"METHOD FOR PROTECTING A DEVICE AGAINST OPERATION WITH UNALLOWED CONSUMABLES AND ARRANGEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METHOD"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,

Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AA United States Patent No. 5,305,199
- AB United States Patent No. 5,132,729
- AC United States Patent No. 5,075,724
- AL European Application 0 825 564
- AM European Application 0 663 623

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were cited in a Search Report rendered by the German Patent Office during examination proceedings for the German application corresponding to the present United States application. Since all of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

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The German Search Report also cited the European counterpart to United States Patent No. 5,821,975, however, that patent has already been made of record as Reference AF in the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 2, 2001.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with any of the other previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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